

The Board of Trustees of Denton Independent School District, State of Texas, met in a special meeting at the Denton ISD Central Services building, 1307 N. Locust St., Denton, Texas, on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:07 PM. The meeting was called to order by president Glenna Harris who announced that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Alexander, Burns, Harris, Martinez, Price, Smith and Stafford

Board Members Absent:

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

School Personnel Present: Wilson, Mattingly, Stripling, Monschke, Valenta, Sargent, Hicks, Stevenson and Zavala

Others: Brittany Tabor, *Denton Record Chronicle*; DEA; Randy Stout, Attorney; citizens, staff, and students.

Pledges: The pledges to the flags were led by Wilson Elementary school students.

Presentations/ Recognitions Chelsey Ellis, a seventh-grade reaching teacher at McMath Middle School, was recognized with an Educator Spotlight video. Ms. Ellis incorporated a lesson plan on the events surrounding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks into her reading curriculum.

McMath Middle School's Tiger Jazz Band has been named a 2014 National Jazz Honors recipient by the Foundation for Music Education, the organization's highest honor for an ensemble type for the second time in three years. Only two middle school bands – the McMath Tiger Jazz Band and Miami's Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band – received the foundation's highest honor for a jazz ensemble this year. McMath was also the sole recipient of the foundation's 2012 National Jazz Honors award.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Public Hearing on School First Rating President Glenna G. Harris opened the public hearing at 6:27 pm.

A Community member asked for clarification of the student teacher ratio.

The public hearing was closed at 6:34 pm.

1st Open Forum Jamie Wilson addressed the Board regarding the grading process and acknowledged the staff spent two years studying the standard based grading

system.

Lisa Brown – addressed the Board regarding the STAAR testing.

Tracy Stanford – addressed the board stating her daughter is a junior at GHS. Last year she was in top 6-7% of her class and not sure how she will be able to complete for scholarship monies.

Denise Fischer – Has two daughters at GHS and addressed the board regarding the new grading system and wants the District to repeal the new grading policy.

Virginia Holt – has one child in the district and wishes the District would repeal the new grading policy as well as getting rid of standardized testing.

Discussion on
Google
Classroom

Dwight Goodwin, Director of Instructional Technology and Katherine Myers, a teacher at Ryan High, provided the Board an overview of Google Classroom and how it is being implemented in Denton ISD.

Google Classroom creates a system for a paperless collaborative classroom that provides a digital learning platform for elementary, middle, and high school students. Google Classroom is a cost-free implementation and its ability to let students work on their assignments at school, from home or anywhere they have a connection to the Internet.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Career
Technology
Education (CTE)
Update

Carla Ruge provided the Board with an overview regarding Denton ISD Career and Technical Programs, including highlights, funding, and program performance. Student participation is on the rise due to recent changes to the high school graduation requirements as a result of HB 5. Currently, 7,385 students participate in the CTE program and 1,788 participate on the ATC Campus. The number of CTE students seeking to complete licensure or certification programs, on all high school campuses has increased from 435 to 749 in one year.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Early Childhood
Update

Vicki Sargent provided a report on current Early Childhood programs in DISD, particularly PreK, as well as seek direction on possible adjustments to the program. The report focused on recent expansion of the PreK program to campuses in Denton ISD, as well as the partnership with Fred Moore Day Nursery to form FM@Gonzalez. The district's addition of the Fred Moore Day Nursery School at Gonzalez has added an additional 61 students receiving Pre-K instruction on a half-day basis. The addition of the Fred Moore program at Gonzalez has also increased the retention rate at Gonzalez, maximizing the use of the facility.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Discussion of
Nominations for
Denton Central
Appraisal
District Board of
Directors

The Denton Central Appraisal District has requested its taxing jurisdictions to nominate individuals be considered for the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy that will complete a term expiring December 31, 2015. The chief appraiser does not have the authority, or duty to investigate, or judge, the qualifications of the nominees. The nominated names must be submitted to the Chief Appraiser by resolution by November 14, 2014. The Chief Appraiser will deliver the nominations to the Board of Directors who will select a nominee to fill the vacancy.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Discussion of
Legislative
Priorities

Dr. Wilson reviewed the District's draft legislative priorities for the upcoming 87th state legislature.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Head Start
Section 644
Financial
Compliance
Report 2013-
2014

Cathi Robbins provided the Board of Trustees a summary of the Ann Windle School for Young Children (AWSYC) Head Start Administrative Requirements and Standards from section 644 of the Head Start Act. Annually, each Head Start Agency must report the following information from the most recently concluded fiscal year:

- The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source.
- An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.
- The results of the most recent review of the financial audit

AWSYC is funded by a Federal Grant in the amount of \$1,216, 921.00. The grant requires a local match of 20% or \$304,240.00. A total from all sources during the 2013-2014 school year for matching dollars is \$781,440.00. The award for 2013-2014 reflects a decrease of \$66,522.00 from the previous year due to Sequestration. This decrease in funding made it necessary to eliminate 2 positions and the supply budget for the 2013-2014 school year. (The funds and 1 position were reinstated for the 2014-2015 school year)

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Annual
Investment
Report

Debbie Monschke, Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services provided a report to inform the Board of Trustees of the annual investment earnings and performance of the District's investments for fiscal year 2013-2014.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Annual
Discipline
Report

Dr. David Hicks provided the Board of Trustees with information reported to the Texas Education Agency through PEIMS regarding disciplinary actions taken during the 2013-2014 school year. TEA requires reporting of every disciplinary action that removes a student from the regular classroom or educational placement for periods of one school day or more. Typically, this includes any action involving in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), or expulsion from school (JJAEP).

This item is for information only. No action is required.

1st Cycle
Attendance
Report

This report shows the attendance percentages for each grade level for the first grading cycle (August 25, 2014 – October 3, 2014). The total attendance average for the Denton ISD for Cycle 1 is 97.17%. The lowest total attendance averages are for 12th graders at 95.44% followed by 11th graders at 95.80%. The highest attendance averages are in the 5th grade at 97.99% followed by 3rd grade at 97.87%.

This item is for information only. No action is required.

2nd Open Forum

No one wished to speak.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mia Price and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve (the minutes for the October 14, 2014 and October 21, 2014 board meetings; personnel matters, leaves and absences; Investment Report as of September 30, 2014; Budget Amendments as of September 30, 2014; approve Pam Gutierrez, Jennifer Hayes, Dr. Teresa Starrett, Jenni Mabrey, Nixie Zavala, Ellen Sawko, Dr. Amy Adams, Kristy Hathcock, Marie Brown, Susan Bolte, Shaun Perry, Vernon Reeves, Amy Lawrence and Gina Kinard as members of the 2014-15 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC); approve of the AWSFYC monthly Head Start Compliance Reports; approval of the waiver of penalty and interest for account number 238024DEN as recommended by the District's Property Tax Attorney; approval of Resolution #29571DEN - Denton County, Texas; approval of travel for Navo MS Treble Choir to travel out-of-state for an invitational performance at Carnegie Hall, New York City, New York, May 20-24, 2015; approval of travel for Denton High School yearbook/newspaper staff to travel to Washington D.C., November 5-9, 2014, for the Journalism Education Association National Conference and competition; approval of travel for Denton High School Choir to travel to the Winter Park Ski Music Festival in Winter Park, Colorado, April 17-21, 2015; approval of travel for Harpool Middle School Band to travel to perform by invitation at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana, March 11-

15, 2015; approval of travel for Harpool Middle School Choir to travel to the Director's Choice Choral Competition in Houston/Galveston, Texas, May 8-10, 2015; approval of a request by the Harpool Middle School Band and Orchestra for travel to the Director's Choice Music Festival/Schlitterbahn Waterpark in San Antonio/New Braunfels, Texas May 8-9, 2015; approval of travel for the Advanced Technology Complex Cosmetology Students to travel to America's Beauty Show in Chicago, Illinois, March 20-23, 2015; approval of both Credit Sales Agreements from South Forks Trinity River Mitigation Group 1, LP. and Red Oak Umbrella Mitigation, Ltd. for the purpose of legally mitigating the environmental wetland area as required by U.S. Army Corp of Engineers; approval of the donation of the property for street right-of-way and drainage easement on WS Ryan Elementary property; and approval of the designation of the Board President as signer for the community MOU's as follows: Foster Grandparent Program; Community Services Inc. (CSI); Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, Inc.; Faith Tabernacle Church; Friends of the Family; Hope, Inc.; Interfaith Ministries; Kiwanis Club Children's Clinic; United Way of Denton County, Inc.; Woman, Infants and Children (WIC)

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
Campus
Improvement
Plans

Motion by Barbara Burns and seconded by Jim Alexander

To approve the Campus Improvement Plans as presented

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval of
2015-2016
School Calendar

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve of the 2015-2016 school year calendar.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Consider
Approval Order
Authorizing
Redemption of a
portion of
Denton
Independent
School District
Unlimited Tax
School Building
and Refunding
Bonds, Series
2004, Unlimited

Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Dorothy Martinez

To approve of the Order Authorizing redemption of a portion of Denton Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2005-B and Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2012-A.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

Tax School
Building and
Refunding
Bonds, Series
2005-B and
Variable Rate
Unlimited Tax
School Building
Bonds, Series
2012-A.

Consider
Approval and Act
Upon Adoption of
an Order
Authorizing the
Execution and
Delivery of a
Substitute
Standby Bond
Purchase
Agreement For
the Denton
Independent
School District
Variable Rate
Unlimited Tax
School Building
Bonds, Series
2006-B,
Approving a
Term Sheet for
the Substitute
Standby Bond
Purchase
Agreement, and
Delegating
authority to
Execute and
Deliver Such
Substitute
Standby Bond
Purchase
Agreement.

Motion by Jim Alexander and seconded by Charles Stafford

To approve of 'An Order Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Substitute Standby Bond Purchase Agreement for the Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2006-B; approving a Term Sheet for the Substitute Standby Bond Purchase Agreement; Delegating Authority to Execute and Deliver Such Substitute Standby Bond Purchase Agreement; and Enacting Provisions Related Thereto' which establishes the terms and conditions for the execution and delivery of the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ at .4% per year for a four (4) year period as the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement provider and approves the form of Standby Bond Purchase Agreement with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ and the related Fee Letter.

The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.

<p>Consider Approval of Nomination(s) for Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors</p>	<p>Motion by Charles Stafford and seconded by Jim Alexander</p> <p>To nominate Walter “Salty” Rishel as the nominee for the DCAD Board of Directors to fill the expiring term.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously of Board members present and voting.</p>
<p>3rd Open Forum</p>	<p>Elise Stolle has six children in the District. She addressed the board on the new grading system.</p> <p>Jill Moala addressed the board regarding the grading system and has six children in the district. She is a teacher at Hawk and understands the system but feels it should have been phased-in in the secondary campuses.</p> <p>Pete Burley addressed the board about the new grading system and stated that all children learn in different ways and at different levels.</p>
<p>Closed Meeting</p>	<p>The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:55 pm</p>
<p>Open Meeting</p>	<p>The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:14 am</p>
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 12:19 am</p>

President

Secretary